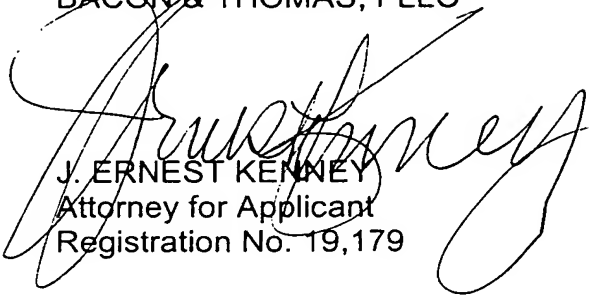


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narrow any element of the claims as they stood prior to amendment. Examination of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

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APPENDIX OF MARKED-UP VERSION OF CLAIMS

10(Amended). An object of value according to claim 8 [or 9], characterized in that the metal layer has gaps in the form of characters and/or patterns.

13(Amended). An object of value according to [at least one of claims 9 to 12] claim 9, characterized in that the screen is present in the form of a dot or line screen.

14(Amended). An object of value according to [at least one of claims 8 to 13] claim 8, characterized in that a layer having a relief structure in the form of diffraction structures is disposed under the metal layer.

15(Amended). An object of value according to [at least one of claims 1 to 14] claim 1, characterized in that the thermochromic layer is all over.

16(Amended). An object of value according to [at least one of claims 1 to 14] claim 1, characterized in that the thermochromic layer is provided only in certain areas.

19(Amended). An object of value according to [at least one of claims 1 to 18] claim 1, characterized in that the thermochromic layer is disposed over the effect layer.

20(Amended). An object of value according to [at least one of claims 1 to 18] claim 1, characterized in that the thermochromic layer is disposed under the effect layer.

23(Amended). An object of value according to claim 20 [or 21], characterized in that the information has visually and/or machine testable properties.

25(Amended). An object of value according to [at least one of claims 21 to 24] claim 21, characterized in that the information is black.

26(Amended). An object of value according to [at least one of claims 1 to 25] claim 1, characterized in that the thermochromic layer is opaque below a predetermined temperature and at least translucent above said temperature.

27(Amended). An object of value according to [at least one of claims 1 to 25] claim 1, characterized in that the thermochromic layer is translucent or transparent below a predetermined temperature and opaque above said temperature.

28(Amended). An object of value according to [at least one of claims 1 to 27] claim 1, characterized in that the security element is a label.

29(Amended). An object of value according to [at least one of claims 1 to 28] claim 1, characterized in that the object of value is a security paper, security document or product package.

36(Amended). A security element according to [at least one of claims 32 to 35] claim 32, characterized in that the screen is present in the form of a dot or line screen.

37(Amended). A security element according to [at least one of claims 32 to 36] claim 32, characterized in that a layer having a relief structure in the form of diffraction structures is disposed under the metal layer.

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38(Amended). A transfer material for producing a security element according to [any of claims 30 to 37] claim 30, characterized in that the transfer material has a carrier material on which a security element according to [any of claims 30 to 37] claim 30 is disposed as a transferable layer.

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